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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND
METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING AND
ERASING A MEMORY CELL

Examiner: T. Le

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 9, 2004 (Paper No. 2), for which a response was due on March 9, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 9, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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